



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, House Republicans passed a terrible health care bill. I voted NO. I am disappointed that in the end, so many House Republicans voted to take health care away from millions and to allow insurers to once again discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions.

While yesterday was a setback, I will never stop fighting for the people's right to health care. Watch my speech before the vote:



Now, I urge my colleagues in the Senate to send this bill where it belongs: history.

Funding our government

I voted for this week's omnibus bill because it's a compromise that averts a shutdown and protects many important programs that strengthen New Hampshire and our country. While this bill will protect these priorities for five months, through the end of Fiscal Year 2017, Congress must now authorize and appropriate next year's Fiscal Year 2018 funding, in which President Trump is proposing draconian cuts.

The bill funds infrastructure projects and maintains funding for the State Department and its global security and diplomacy work, as well as for the Environmental Protection Agency, Planned Parenthood, and for scientific and medical research at our colleges and universities. It funds year-round Pell grants that will help students pursue higher education and supports our state's fight to turn the corner on the heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid crisis with

increased funding for treatment, prevention, and enforcement, including for veterans drug courts. And as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I'm pleased that we increased funding for ship maintenance, allowing the Navy to hire needed civilian employees at facilities, including our Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

[Read more about the omnibus bill here.](#)

Focus on asthma

Now that it's May, I'm working to draw attention to Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in my role as founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Allergy and Asthma Caucus. To shine a spotlight on two of the most common and dangerous chronic diseases, I introduced [H.Res.304](#) together with my co-chairs, Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Gregg Harper (R-MS).



I also teamed up with Moms Clean Air Force on Wednesday, World Asthma Day, to highlight the human costs of climate change. Their lunchbox installation outside DC's Union Station represents the 77,000 American children who miss class because of asthma on an average school day. We need to address climate change not only to save our natural environment, but also to save our kids' lungs.

Standing up for civil rights

I was proud to co-introduce the Equality Act of 2017 this week, together with more than 200 of my colleagues. This bill would finally ensure that federal civil rights protections cover LGBTQ Americans.

Over 200 Members of Congress File Federal LGBTQ-Rights Bill

NBC News Mary Emily O'Hara 2 days ago



Despite significant advances, LGBTQ people across the country remain vulnerable to discrimination and too often have little recourse. In 2017, nobody should face discrimination and bigotry because of who they are and who they love.

Other highlights this week

Despite the difficult end to the week, it was great to [meet with](#) constituents who came to D.C. as advocates for their communities. Other highlights included the opportunity to honor President John F. Kennedy's centennial with my friend and hero, Congressman John Lewis, to discuss women veterans' health with VA Secretary Shulkin, and to Skype with Professor Byam's social work class at UNH.

As always, thank you for the honor of representing you in Congress.

Best wishes,

Carol Shea-Porter

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- [Shea-Porter Statement on Republican Health Care Bill](#)
- [Shea-Porter Votes for Bipartisan Omnibus Bill](#)
- [Shea-Porter Co-introduces Equality Act of 2017](#)
- [Shea-Porter, Engel, Harper Introduce Bipartisan Resolution to Recognize Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month](#)



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